

ABSTRACT

The invention is directed to a caching system for authorization requests. The authorization request is intercepted by a authorization manager. The manager searches in a cache for matching request criteria. If found, the manager returns the result of the request based on the cache information. If not, the normal authorization techniques may be implemented in an associated authorization protocol, whereby the results of the authorization are returned to the requesting party. However, the results of the protocol are also stored in the cache, where they may be found by a later user.